



the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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GUESS WHAT? PETEY'S EVER-LOVIN' AUNT MAY IS ACTUALLY GONNA TAKE A VACATION! BUT, AS HER DOTING NEPHEW WALKS HER TO THE TRAIN, A FRIGHTFUL TRANSFORMATION SEEMS TO BE IN THE OFFING --- JUST A STONE'S THROW AWAY---

NOW STOP WORRYING ABOUT THE EXPENSE, AUNT MAY! THE TRAVEL AGENT SAID WE COULD SEND YOU NOW AND PAY LATER!

DOC BROWNWELL SAID A FEW WEEKS AT THE SEA SHORE WILL HAVE YOU SKIPPING AROUND LIKE A SUPER HERO IN NO TIME!

BUT YOU TOOK YOUR LAST THIRTY DOLLARS FOR THE DOWN PAYMENT ON THIS TRIP, PETER!

AWW, I'LL SELL SOME MORE NEWS PIX TO JOLLY JONAH AND DOUBLE THAT AMOUNT, BEFORE YOU RETURN!

I HOPE!

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LETTERING: SWINGIN' SAM ROSEN
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MARTHA'S TRAIN SHOULD BE ARRIVING FROM FLORIDA ANY MINUTE NOW! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER... AND LITTLE BILLY AGAIN! HE MUST BE... WAIT!

MY HAND! IT'S TURNING GREEN... GETTING SCALY-- LIKE-- LIKE A LIZARD'S!

NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME AGAIN! IT MUSTN'T! NOT NOW! NOT WHEN I'M ABOUT TO SEE MY WIFE... AND MY SON!

IT'S MAD-- INSANE! THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT! NO REASON--!

BUT THEN, SECONDS LATER...

IT'S **SUBSIDING** AGAIN...
GETTING BACK TO **NORMAL!**

PERHAPS I JUST **IMAGINED**
IT...IN THE EXCITEMENT
OF WAITING FOR MARTHA
AND BILLY!

AND YET...I'VE
FELT **STRANGE**...
EVER SINCE I
HELPED **SPIDER-**
MAN CREATE A
POTION TO DEFEAT
THE **RHINO!** *

THAT
POTION!
WHY DIDN'T
I THINK OF
IT **BEFORE?**

* JUST
LAST ISH!
IF YOU
FORGOT,
SHAME
ON YOU!
...**STERN**
STAN.

THE POTION WAS CREATED OF CERTAIN
INGREDIENTS WHICH WERE **ALSO** USED IN
THE FORMULA WHICH YEARS AGO
TURNED ME INTO...THE
LIZARD!

CAN IT BE
THAT THE SIMPLE
ACT OF **HANDLING**
THE POTION...OF
INHALING ITS
FUMES... HAS
ACTUALLY TRIGGERED
THAT DREADFUL
REACTION IN MY
BODY **AGAIN?**

IF SO...IT MEANS THAT I MIGHT
CHANGE BACK TO THE **LIZARD** AT
ANY MOMENT... JUST AS **DANGEROUS**...
JUST AS **DEADLY**... AS EVER BEFORE.

GOSH! I COULD
HAVE **SWORN** I
SAW **CURT**
CONNORS
BEHIND THAT
PILLAR!

PETER, DEAR...ARE YOU **SURE**
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT WITH ME
GONE? WILL YOU GET TO BED
EARLY AT NIGHT...AND EAT **PLENTY**
OF **VEGETABLES?**

SURE, AUNT MAY! DON'T
YOU WORRY ABOUT A
THING! I'LL TAKE MY
VITAMIN PILLS AND
STAY OUT OF DRAFTS
AND **EVERYTHING!**

AS FOR YOU, YOUNG
LADY...REMEMBER...
NO **FOOTBALL**
PRACTICE OR
KARATE LESSONS!
AT LEAST NOT FOR
THE FIRST FEW
DAYS!

OH, PETER! HERE I AM...
DESERTING YOU...LEAVING
YOU ALONE, WITH NO ONE TO
LOOK **AFTER** YOU...AND
YOU'RE TAKING IT WITHOUT
A **WHIMPER!**

YOU'RE THE MOST
WONDERFUL
NEPHEW ANY
WOMAN EVER
HAD!

HONK!

MEANWHILE, AT A NEARBY TRACK, WE FIND...

GOLLY, MOM...
DO YOU THINK
DAD'LL TAKE
ME TO SEE
THE **JETS?**

I'M **SURE** HE WILL, BILLY! BUT...I
WONDER WHERE HE **IS?** I WAS HOPING
HE'D BE **WAITING** FOR US!

MAYBE
HE'S **HIDING**...
TO **SURPRISE**
US...LIKE HE
USED TO DO
WHEN I WAS
LITTLE!

CAN SOME-
THING HAVE
HAPPENED
TO HIM?

I DON'T
WANT TO
WORRY
BILLY,
BUT **CURT**
IS **NEVER**
LATE...
UNLESS...

NO! I
WON'T EVEN
THINK OF IT!
IT **CAN'T**
BE!

AND...JUST A FEW FEET AWAY...CONCEALED BEHIND A
SHADOWY ARCH...

I **WASN'T** IMAGINING IT!
MY...MY **RIGHT ARM** IS TINGLING...JUST AS
IT DID...THE **LAST TIME!**

THAT'S HOW IT ALL
STARTED... I
THOUGHT I COULD
RE-GROW MY
ARM...LIKE SOME
OF THE LOWER
ORDER **REPTILES**
DO...BY DRINKING
A **SERUM**
EXTRACTED
FROM EXPERI-
MENTAL
LIZARDS!

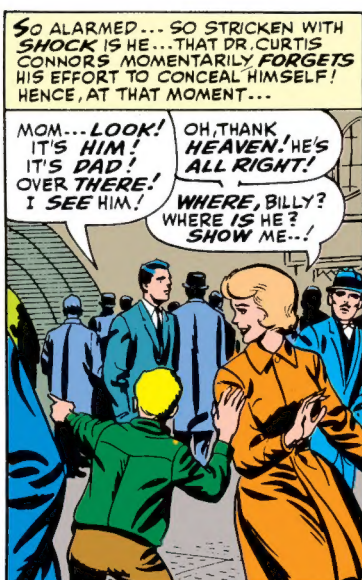
BUT, I DIDN'T
REALIZE THAT
THE SAME **SERUM**
THAT ENABLED ME
TO GROW A NEW
ARM, WOULD
ALSO **CHANGE**
ME...INTO A HUMAN
LIZARD! *

* DON'T TAKE **OUR** WORD FOR IT! CHECK
WITH ISH #6! ...**SCRUPULOUS STAN**



IN FACT, IF SPIDER-MAN HADN'T SAVED ME BY GIVING ME THAT ANTIDOTE, I'D... OH... NO!!

MY HAND! IT'S TURNED SCALY AND GREEN AGAIN! BUT... THIS TIME... THERE'S NO DOUBT...



SO ALARMED... SO STRICKEN WITH SHOCK IS HE... THAT DR. CURTIS CONNORS MOMENTARILY FORGETS HIS EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIMSELF! HENCE, AT THAT MOMENT...

MOM... LOOK! IT'S HIM! IT'S DAD! OVER THERE! I SEE HIM!

OH, THANK HEAVEN! HE'S ALL RIGHT!

WHERE, BILLY? WHERE IS HE? SHOW ME...



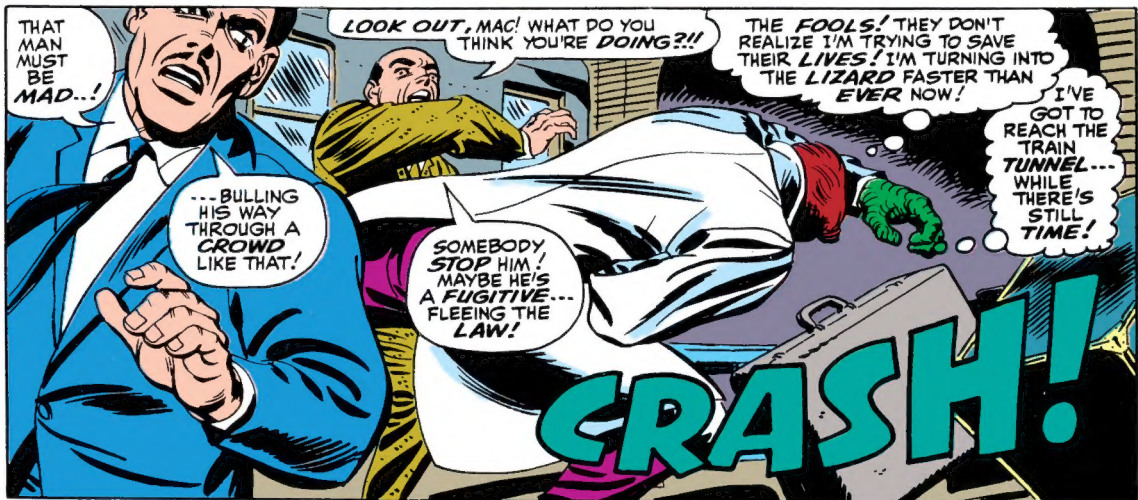
HE'S RIGHT OVER TH... MOM! HE'S RUNNING AWAY! HE'S DISAPPEARING INTO THE CROWD!

BILLY SAW ME!

I CAN'T FACE THEM LIKE THIS! I'VE GOT TO RUN... GOT TO HIDE! GOT TO GET AWAY...!

SAY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

IF I DON'T GET OUT OF HERE IN TIME... NOBODY WILL BE SAFE!



THAT MAN MUST BE MAD...!

LOOK OUT, MAC! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!!

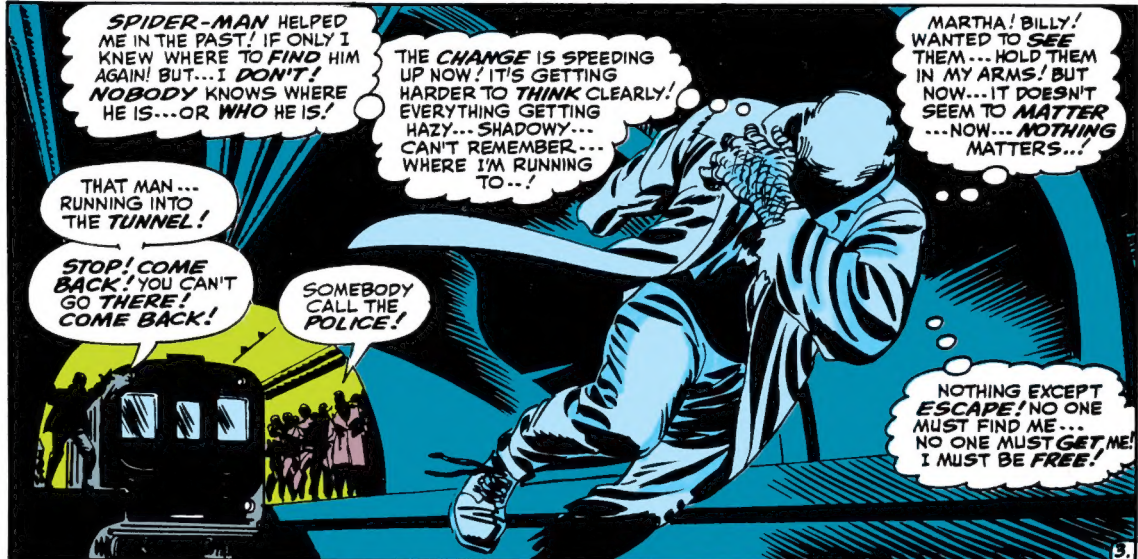
THE FOOLS! THEY DON'T REALIZE I'M TRYING TO SAVE THEIR LIVES! I'M TURNING INTO THE LIZARD FASTER THAN EVER NOW!

I'VE GOT TO REACH THE TRAIN TUNNEL... WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!

...BULLING HIS WAY THROUGH A CROWD LIKE THAT!

SOMEBODY STOP HIM! MAYBE HE'S A FUGITIVE... FLEEING THE LAW!

CRASH!



SPIDER-MAN HELPED ME IN THE PAST! IF ONLY I KNEW WHERE TO FIND HIM AGAIN! BUT... I DON'T! NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HE IS... OR WHO HE IS!

THE CHANGE IS SPEEDING UP NOW! IT'S GETTING HARDER TO THINK CLEARLY! EVERYTHING GETTING HAZY... SHADOWY... CAN'T REMEMBER... WHERE I'M RUNNING TO...!

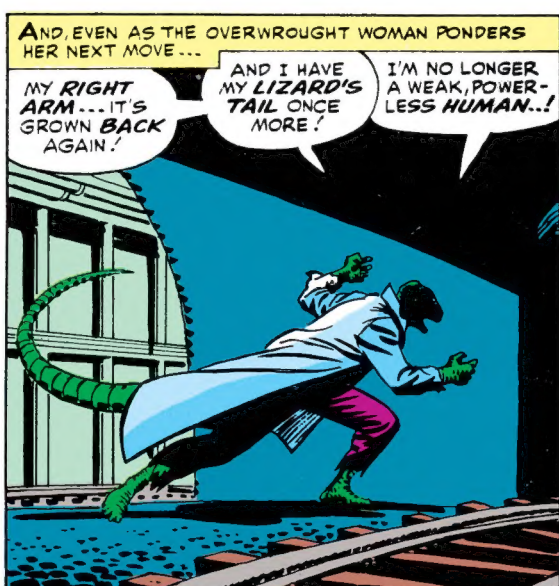
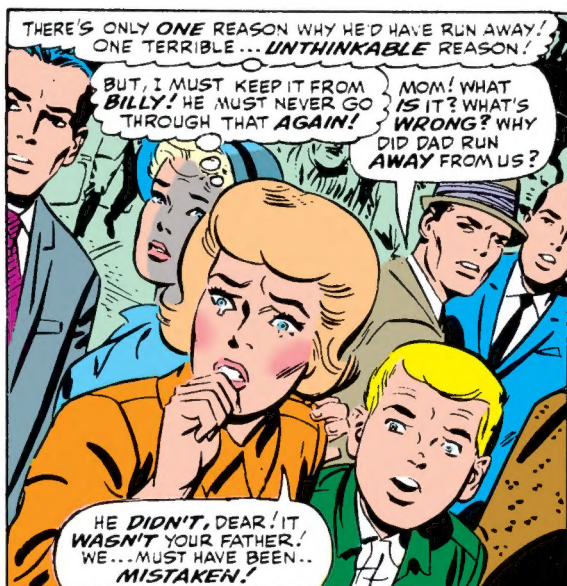
MARTHA! BILLY! WANTED TO SEE THEM... HOLD THEM IN MY ARMS! BUT NOW... IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER... NOW... NOTHING MATTERS...

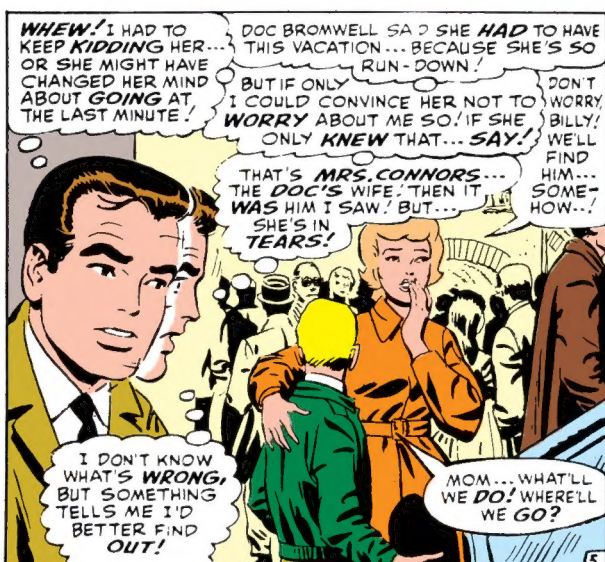
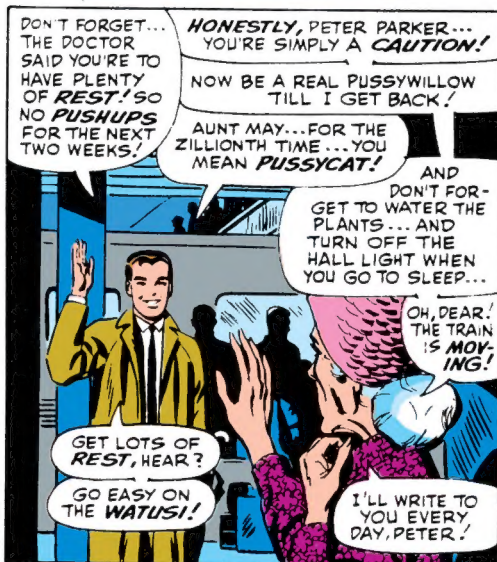
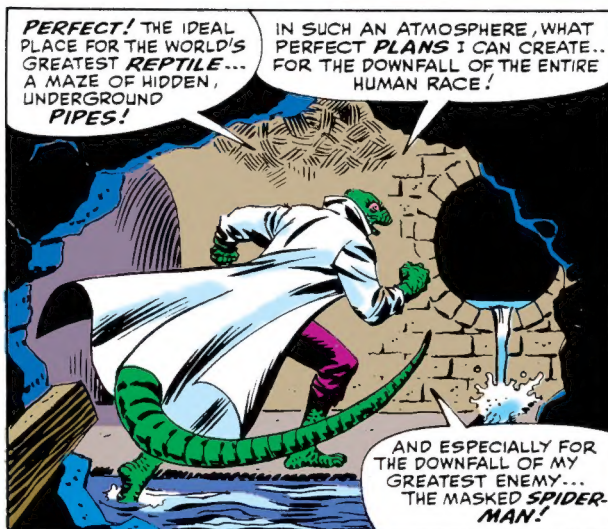
THAT MAN... RUNNING INTO THE TUNNEL!

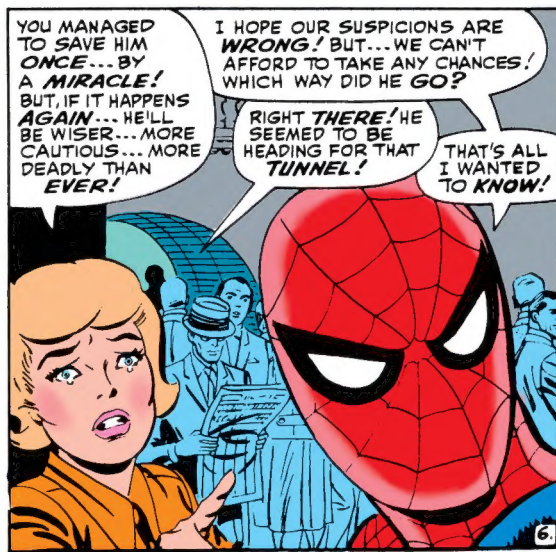
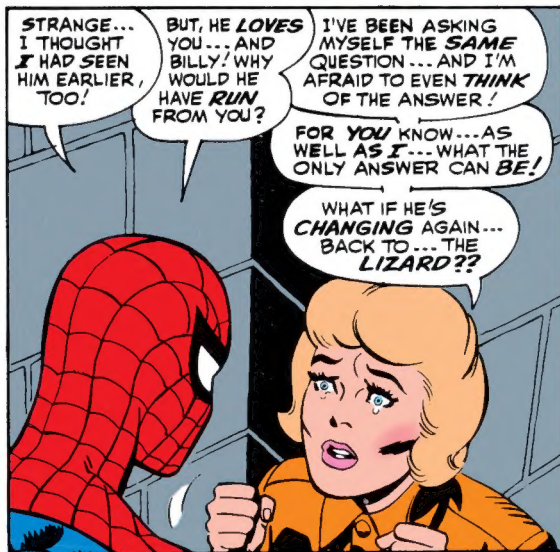
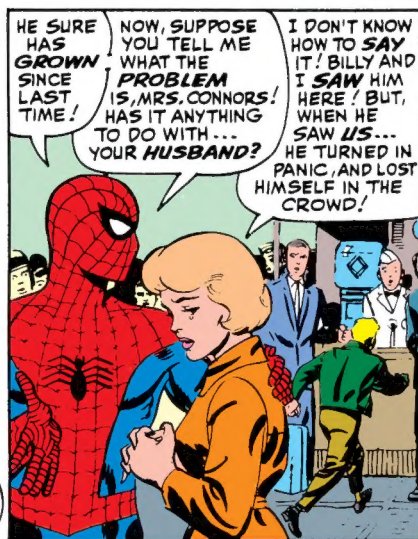
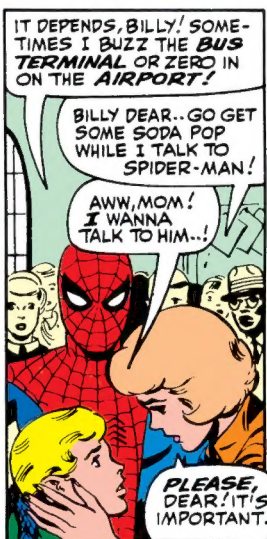
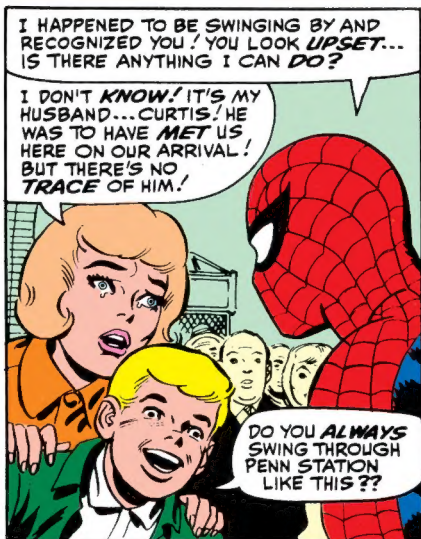
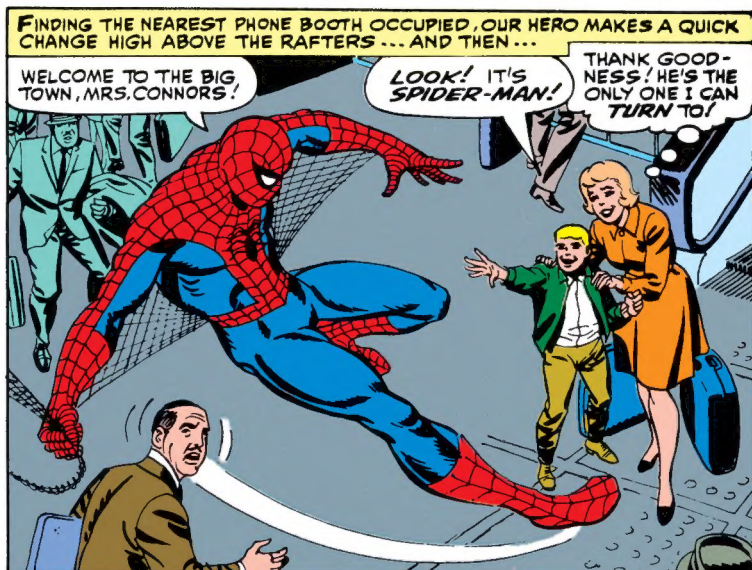
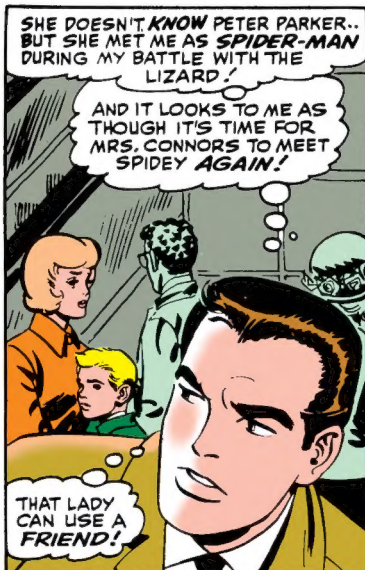
STOP! COME BACK! YOU CAN'T GO THERE! COME BACK!

SOMEBODY CALL THE POLICE!

NOTHING EXCEPT ESCAPE! NO ONE MUST FIND ME... NO ONE MUST GET ME! I MUST BE FREE!









AND THEN...

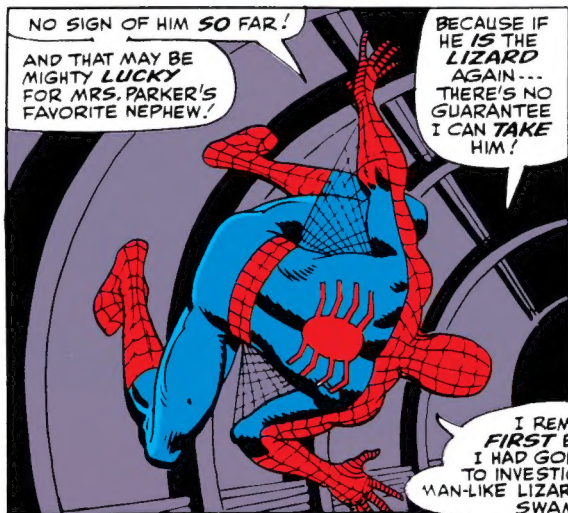
WAIT **HERE!** I'LL BE BACK SOON AS I CAN!

PLEASE ...BE CAREFUL!

MOM! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S HE GOING?



IF THE LIZARD GOT TOO MUCH OF A START, I'LL **NEVER** PICK UP HIS TRAIL NOW!

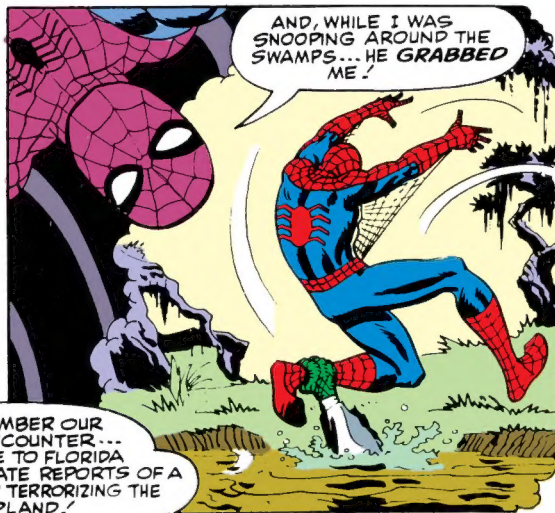


NO SIGN OF HIM **SO FAR!**

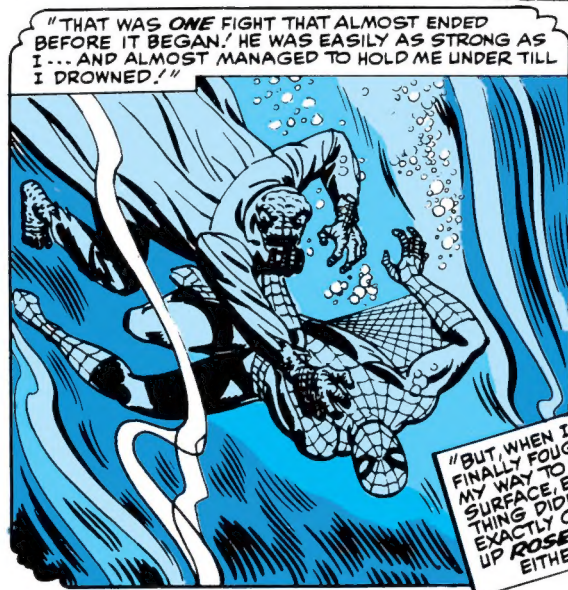
AND THAT MAY BE MIGHTY **LUCKY** FOR MRS. PARKER'S FAVORITE NEPHEW!

BECAUSE IF HE **IS** THE LIZARD AGAIN... THERE'S NO GUARANTEE I CAN **TAKE** HIM!

I REMEMBER OUR **FIRST** ENCOUNTER... I HAD GONE TO FLORIDA TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF A MAN-LIKE LIZARD TERRORIZING THE SWAMPLAND!



AND, WHILE I WAS SNOOPING AROUND THE SWAMPS... HE **GRABBED** ME!



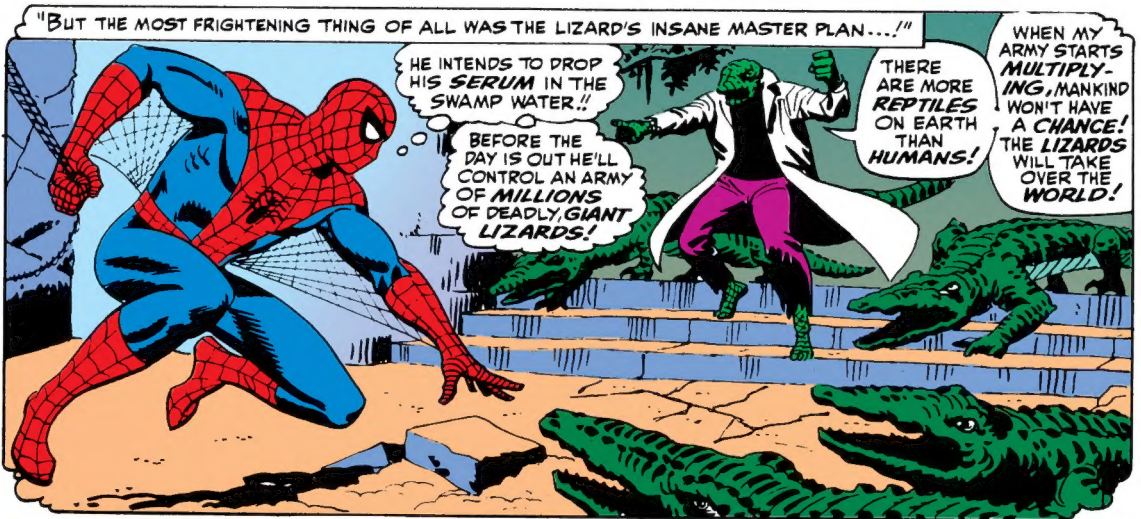
"THAT WAS **ONE** FIGHT THAT ALMOST ENDED BEFORE IT BEGAN! HE WAS EASILY AS STRONG AS I... AND ALMOST MANAGED TO HOLD ME UNDER TILL I DROWNED!"

"BUT, WHEN I FINALLY FOUGHT MY WAY TO THE SURFACE, EVERY-THING DIDN'T EXACTLY COME UP **ROSES** THEN EITHER...



"I HAD FOUGHT TOUGH FOES **BEFORE**, BUT THE LIZARD WAS **TOO MUCH...**"

STRANGE... HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WEARING A **DISGUISE!** THAT GROTESQUE FORM IS REALLY... **HIM!**



"BUT THE MOST FRIGHTENING THING OF ALL WAS THE LIZARD'S INSANE MASTER PLAN...!"

HE INTENDS TO DROP HIS **SERUM** IN THE SWAMP WATER!!

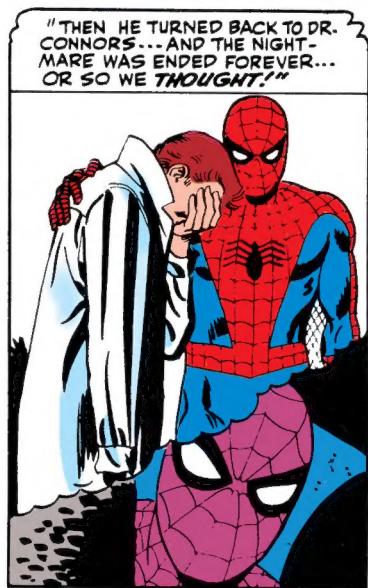
BEFORE THE DAY IS OUT HE'LL CONTROL AN ARMY OF **MILLIONS** OF DEADLY, **GIANT LIZARDS!**

THERE ARE MORE **REPTILES** ON EARTH THAN **HUMANS!**

WHEN MY ARMY STARTS **MULTIPLYING**, MANKIND WON'T HAVE A **CHANCE!** THE **LIZARDS** WILL TAKE OVER THE **WORLD!**



"AND IT MIGHT HAVE **HAPPENED**... IF I HADN'T MANAGED TO FORCE HIM TO SWALLOW THE **ANTI-DOTE** BEFORE HE COULD REACH THE **SWAMP WATER!**"



"THEN HE TURNED BACK TO DR. CONNORS... AND THE NIGHTMARE WAS ENDED FOREVER... OR SO WE **THOUGHT!**"



UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE THERE ISN'T MUCH **DOUBT** ABOUT IT NOW!

ONLY SOMEONE WITH THE **LIZARD'S STRENGTH** COULD HAVE POUNDED A HOLE LIKE **THIS** THROUGH A CEMENT **WALL!**

THERE ARE A **HUNDRED** OPENINGS AHEAD... NO WAY TO **TRAIL** HIM NOW!

I'LL RETURN TO MRS. CONNORS... BUT WHAT CAN I **TELL** HER?



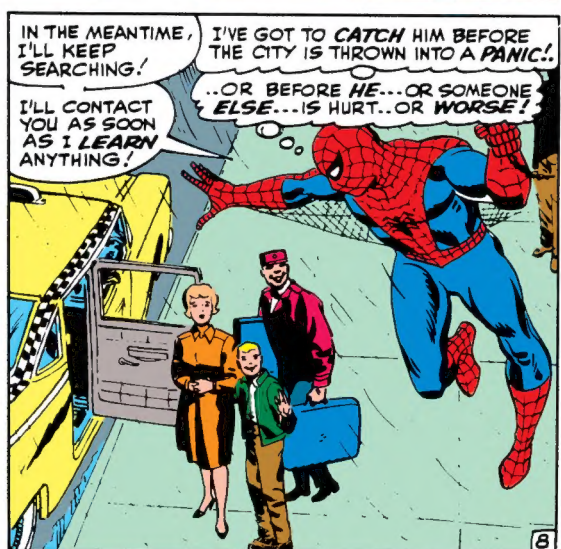
A LITTLE WHITE LIE CAN'T DO ANY HARM AT THIS POINT!

I COULDN'T FIND A **THING!** WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT AT THE DOC'S **LAB?** MAYBE HE'LL **CALL!**

IF YOU **THINK** SO--!

MAYBE DAD'S WAITING FOR US **THERE!**

THAT'S **RIGHT**, BILLY! THERE'S ALWAYS A **CHANCE!**



IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL KEEP **SEARCHING!**

I'VE GOT TO **CATCH** HIM BEFORE THE CITY IS THROWN INTO A **PANIC!**

I'LL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS I **LEARN** ANYTHING!

...OR BEFORE **HE...** OR SOMEONE **ELSE...** IS HURT... OR **WORSE!**

BUT THEN, AFTER NEARLY AN HOUR OF FUTILE SEARCHING...

IT'S NO USE! THE CITY'S TOO **BIG**...AND HE'S TOO **CRAFTY**!

I'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR **HIM** TO MAKE THE NEXT **MOVE**!

AND WHILE I'M WAITING, THERE'S **ANOTHER** PROBLEM I'D BETTER WRESTLE WITH!

I'VE GOT TO SCRAPE UP ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR AUNT MAY'S TRIP!

IF I CAN ONLY SELL **JONAH** A SPECIAL PHOTO FEATURE ON THE **LIZARD**!

EXCEPT FOR MRS. CONNORS... AND BILLY... I'M STILL THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HE REALLY EXISTS!

I'D BETTER HEAD FOR THE **BUGLE**!

AND, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE...

HI, BETTY! I WAS **HOPING** I'D SEE YOU...TO WISH YOU **LUCK** ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO NED!

THANKS, PETER! NED AND I WILL WANT YOU AT THE **WEDDING**...SOON AS WE SET THE DATE!

WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE **WORLD**, BETTY!

I REALLY **MEAN** IT! I COULDN'T BE **HAPPIER** FOR HER!

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT I ONCE THOUGHT I WAS IN **LOVE** WITH HER! NOW, SHE'S LIKE A **SISTER** TO... **UH-OH**!

HI, MR. JAMESON! CAN I **SEE** YOU FOR A MINUTE?

LOOK ALL YOU **WANT** TO! IT'S A **FREE** COUNTRY!

REMEMBER SOMEONE CALLED THE **LIZARD**?

IF I COULD **FIND** HIM AGAIN AND GET SOME **SHOTS**, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A **PICTURE STORY** ON HIM?

COME OFF IT, PARKER! YOU KNOW THERE'S **NO SUCH GUY**!

BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU BROUGHT ME **SOMETHING** WORTH PRINTING! PERSONALLY, I THINK YOU **LOST** THE OL' **PIZZAZZ**!

CAN'T GIVE UP **NOW**! I'VE JUST GOT TO GET THAT **MONEY**...NO MATTER **WHAT**!

THEN, SUPPOSE I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET SOME NEW PIX OF **SPIDER-MAN**? HE'S ALWAYS **NEWSWORTHY**!

FORGET IT! I'M **THROUGH** GIVING THAT PHONY **WALL-CRAWLER** FREE PUBLICITY!

WELL, HOW ABOUT AN **EXPOSE** THAT'LL PROVE HE'S A **MENACE**? **NOW** YOU'RE TALKIN' KID!

HMMM... PARKER'S AFTER A **STORY** AGAIN!

I'VE ALWAYS **WONDERED** HOW HE MANAGES TO GET MORE PICTURES OF **SPIDER-MAN** THAN ANYONE **ELSE**!

YOU BRING ME SOME PIX THAT'LL MAKE THAT FINKY FREAK LOOK **BAD**, AND I'LL GIVE YOU A **MEDAL**, HEAR?

IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO **YOU**, MISTER... I'LL TAKE **HARD CASH**!

SURE, PARKER... **SURE**! EVERYONE KNOWS HOW **GENEROUS** I AM!

I WONDER IF IT ISN'T TIME FOR THE MAN NAMED **PATCH** TO START **TAILING** PARKER?

SOMETHING TELLS ME THERE COULD BE A **STORY** IN IT! IF THERE **IS**, FRED FOSWELL **WANTS** IT!

BE SEEING **YOU**, BETTY!

SO LONG, PETER! SAY HELLO TO YOUR **AUNT MAY** FOR ME!

SPEAKING OF **SPIDER-MAN** JUST GAVE ME AN **IDEA**!

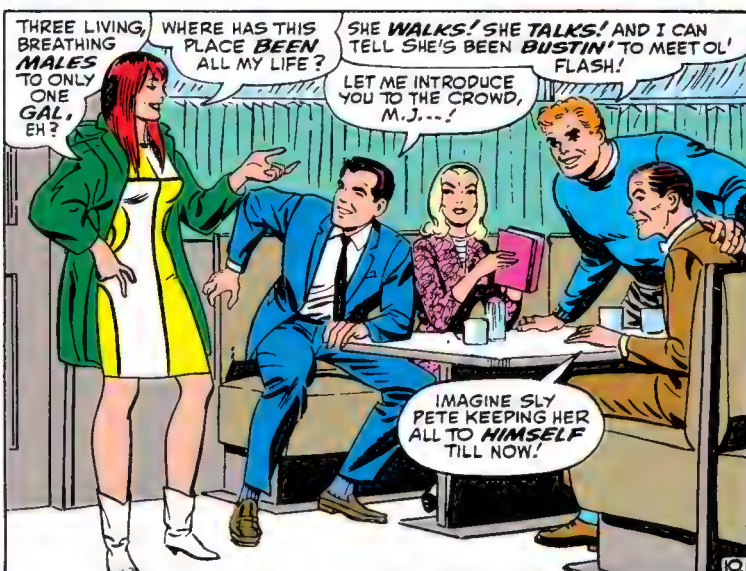
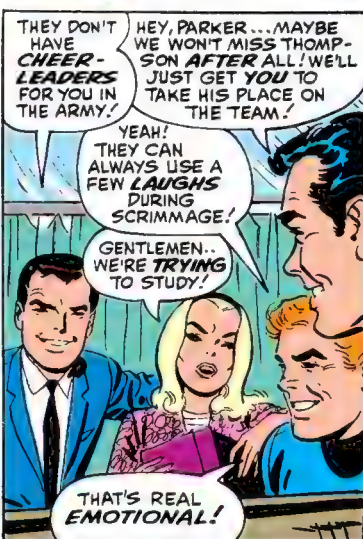
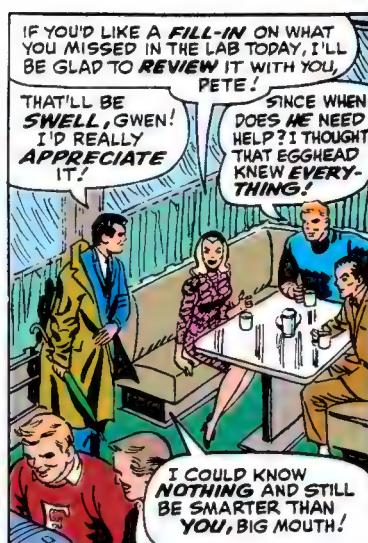
FOSWELL! DIG UP THE NAME OF THAT **COP** WHO HELPED HIM DURING HIS FIGHT WITH THE **RHINO**!

MAYBE WE CAN RUN A **PROFILE** STORY ON HIM!

I'LL GET ON IT SOON AS I **CAN**, JJ!

YOU'LL GET ON IT **NOW**, MISTER!

THAT'S WHAT I **MEANT**!



THEN, AFTER THE INTROS ARE FINISHED...

TELL ME, DOLL--DID YOU WANNA **MEET** ME BECAUSE I'M A **FOOTBALL STAR**--OR BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO BECOME A **WAR HERO**?

NEITHER, DAD! IT'S YOUR **SHYNESS** THAT GRABS ME!

SO YOU'RE GWEN STACY I'VE HEARD PETER MENTION YOU!

HOW NICE!

I DUNNO WHAT PARKER HAS... BUT I'D SURE LIKE TO GET ME SOME!

NOW, PETEY-O, SUPPOSE YOU WAVE BYE-BYE TO ALL THESE NICE PEOPLE...

THERE'S ONLY **ONE** ANSWER! IT'S A **SORORITY INITIATION**! SHE'S GOTTA DATE THE MOST **NOTHING** GUY IN TOWN... SO SHE PICKED **PARKER**!

BECAUSE YOU'RE **CUTTING OUT** NOW, TO TAKE MARY JANE TO A LITTLE SPOT I KNOW WHERE THEY'VE GOT THE **GROOVIEST GUITARIST** IN TOWN!

LET'S **FACE** IT, SON! SHE DOESN'T **LOOK** AS THOUGH ANYONE'S **TWISTING** HER ARM!

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A **RAIN CHECK** ON THAT SCIENCE REVIEW, GWEN!

MMM... GLAD YOU'RE LETTING YOUR **HAIR** GROW, TIGER!

GWEN CERTAINLY **FROZE UP** FAST! I WONDER IF SHE'S **JEALOUS**?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIS **LESSON**, LADY!

BUT, IF SHE IS... IS IT BECAUSE OF **ME**--OR BECAUSE **FLASH** MADE SUCH A FUSS OVER MARY JANE?

GOING OUT WITH **ME** CAN BE A WHOLE **EDUCATION** IN ITSELF!

WHERE'D YOU PARK THE **WHEELS**, PETEY?

EH... I DIDN'T **BRING** THE CYCLE TODAY!

OH WELL... NO SWEAT! WE CAN GRAB A **BUS**!

I'D RATHER WAIT TILL YOU **RE-PAINT** IT, ANYWAY! ANY COLOR WOULD BE JAZZIER THAN THAT ICKIE **BLEHHH** IT IS NOW!

TELL ME, M.J... DON'T YOU EVER STOP TO CATCH YOUR BREATH? LIKE **WHY**, DAD? THERE'S TOO MUCH **HAPPENING** ALL OVER... AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO MISS A **BIT** OF THE ACTION!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN **INTO** PETE! EVEN A **SCHOLARSHIP** STUDENT LIKE HIM CAN'T AFFORD TO LET HIS **STUDIES** SLIDE!

AWW, COME **OFF** IT, GWEN! THAT'S NOT WHAT'S **BUGGIN'** YOU! YOU DIDN'T LIKE SEEING THAT NEW **CHICK** WRAP HIM AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER!

BUT DON'T WORRY, KID! ANY GAL WHOSE TASTE IS **THAT** BAD CAN'T BE ANY COMPETITION FOR A DOLL LIKE **YOU**!

FLASH, DO ME A FAVOR--?

SURE, BABY! **NAME** IT!

STOP BREATHING ON ME!

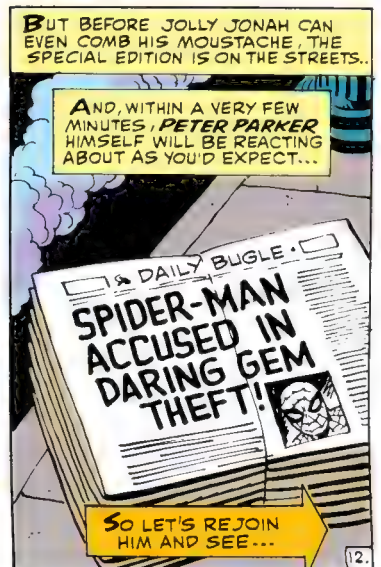
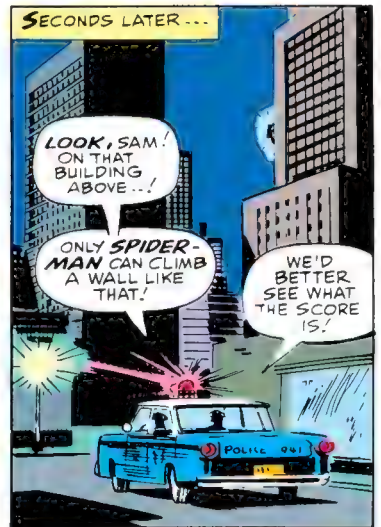
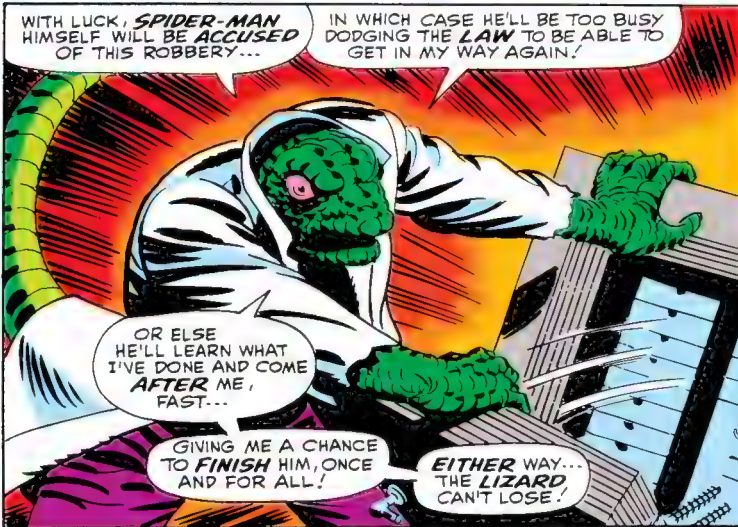
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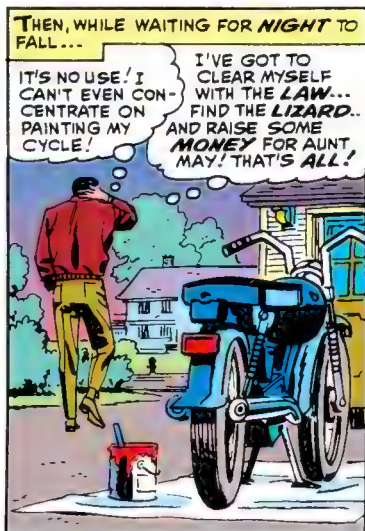
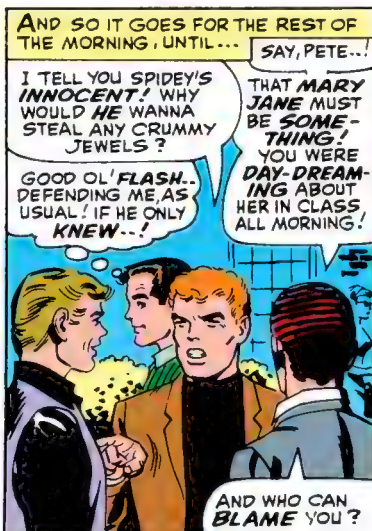
FROM WITHIN A SHADOWY CULVERT, AT THE EDGE OF CENTRAL PARK, AN OMINOUS, SUPER-POWERED FIGURE SILENTLY EMERGES...

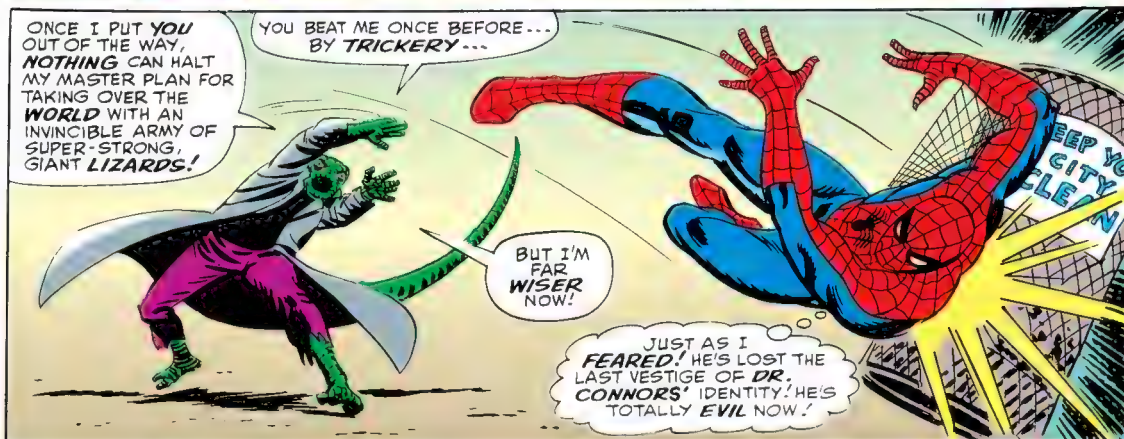
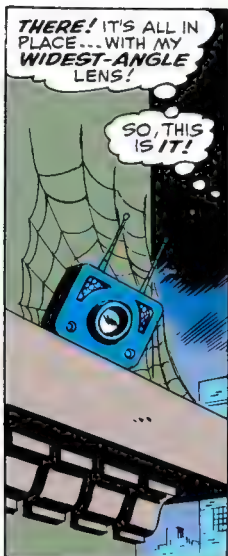
I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! MY PLANS ARE **SET**! NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE **LIZARD** TO STRIKE!

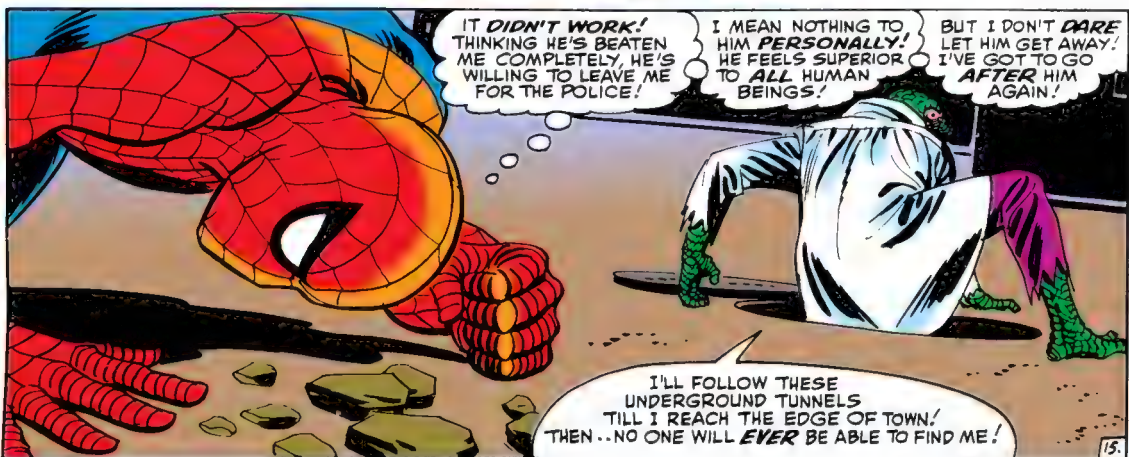
BEFORE I HEAD FOR THE FLORIDA SWAMPLANDS TO AGAIN RESUME MY PLAN FOR POPULATING THE EARTH WITH **GIANT LIZARDS**, I'VE ONE THING TO DO...

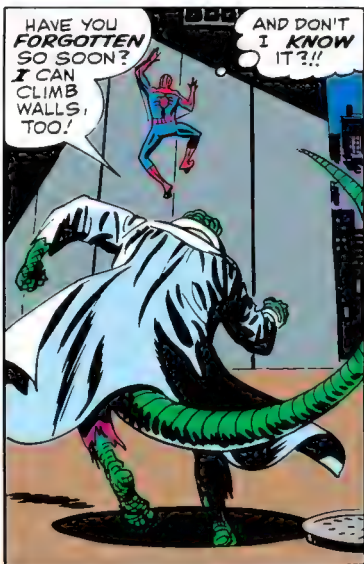
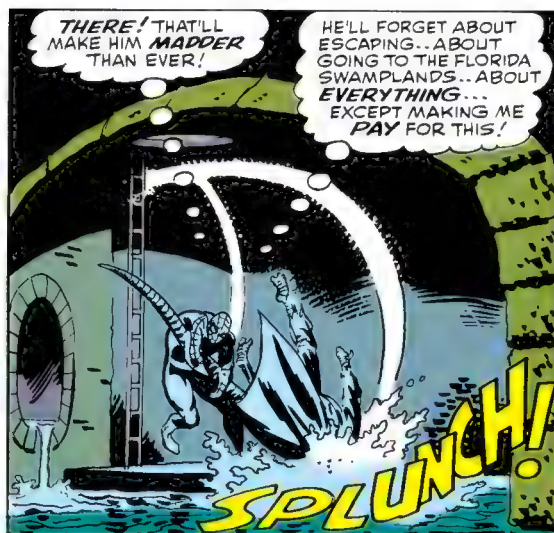
I'LL MAKE SURE THAT **SPIDER-MAN** NEVER INTERFERES WITH ME AGAIN!

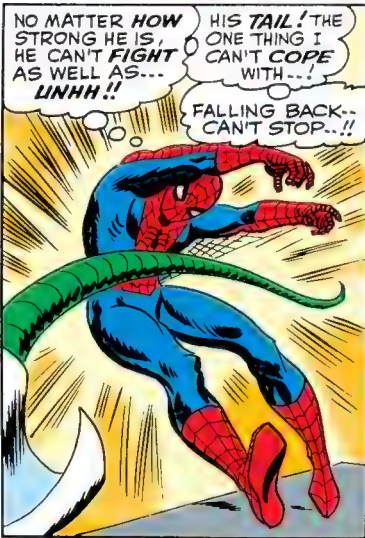


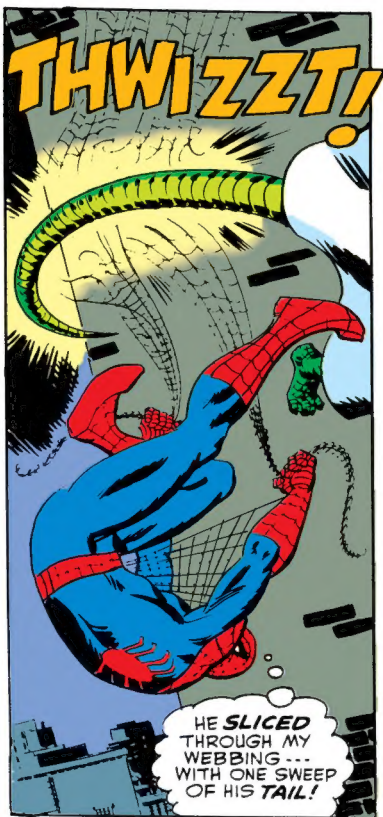


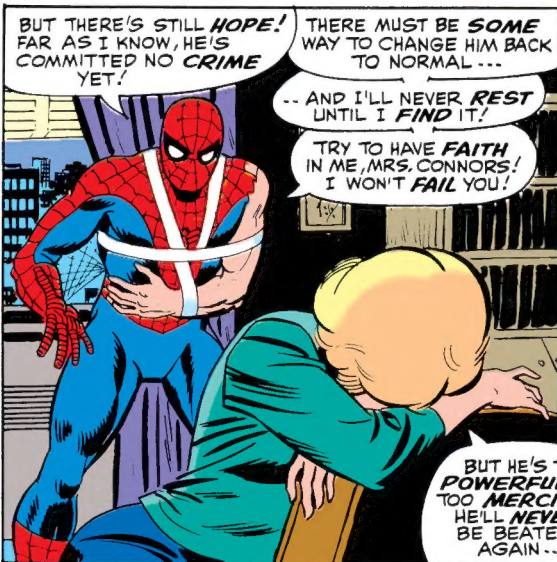
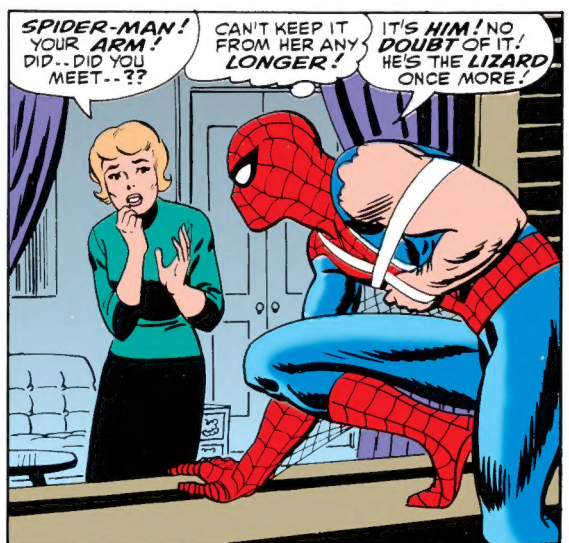














IT WAS A **LOVELY** TRIP, DEAR... AND EVERYTHING IS JUST **FINE!**

BUT YOUR VOICE SOUNDS SO **WEAK!** IS ANYTHING **WRONG?** ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH **SLEEP?**

SURE! I'VE NEVER BEEN **BETTER!** WE MUST HAVE A **BAD CONNECTION!**



NOW ENJOY EVERY **MINUTE** OF IT, HEAR? THINGS ARE **GREAT** BACK HOME... SO RELAX AND HAVE A **GOOD REST!**

CAN'T LET HER **WORRY** ABOUT ME... NO MATTER **WHAT!**

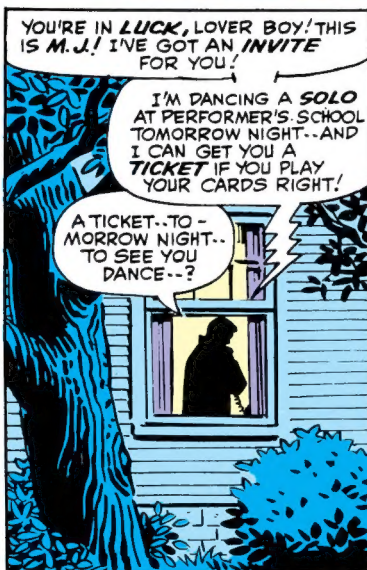
I'LL TALK TO YOU **AGAIN** REAL SOON! SLEEP WELL NOW... **GOOD NIGHT,** AUNT MAY!



IT'S LUCKY I GOT THROUGH **THAT** WITH... **WHA?** THE **PHONE** AGAIN!

I'VE **GOT** TO GET SOME REST! I JUST WON'T **ANSWER** IT!

NO...IT MIGHT BE **IMPORTANT!**



YOU'RE IN **LUCK**, LOVER BOY! THIS IS **M.J.!** I'VE GOT AN **INVITE** FOR YOU!

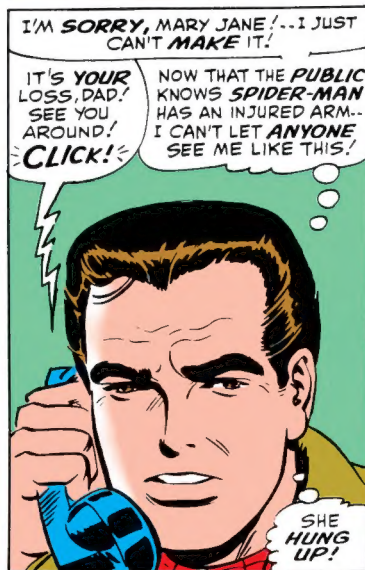
I'M DANCING A **SOLO** AT PERFORMER'S SCHOOL TOMORROW NIGHT...AND I CAN GET YOU A **TICKET** IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS **RIGHT!**

A **TICKET**...TO - MORROW NIGHT... TO SEE YOU **DANCE**...?



HOLD ON, PETEY-O! TRY TO **COOL IT**, DAD! YOUR **ENTHUSIASM** IS OVERWHELMING!

I KNOW YOU'RE **THERE**, TIGER... I CAN STILL HEAR **BREATHING!**

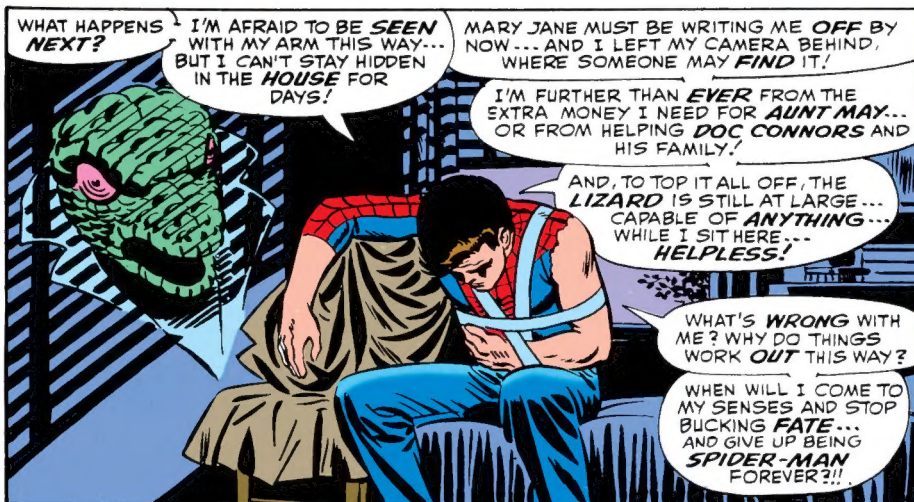


I'M **SORRY**, MARY JANE!... I JUST CAN'T **MAKE IT!**

IT'S YOUR **LOSS**, DAD! SEE YOU **AROUND!** **CLICK!**

NOW THAT THE **PUBLIC** KNOWS **SPIDER-MAN** HAS AN INJURED **ARM**... I CAN'T LET **ANYONE** SEE ME LIKE THIS!

SHE **HUNG UP!**



WHAT HAPPENS **NEXT?**

I'M AFRAID TO BE **SEEN** WITH MY ARM THIS WAY... BUT I CAN'T STAY HIDDEN IN THE **HOUSE** FOR **DAYS!**

MARY JANE MUST BE WRITING ME **OFF** BY NOW... AND I LEFT MY CAMERA BEHIND, WHERE SOMEONE MAY **FIND** IT!

I'M FURTHER THAN **EVER** FROM THE EXTRA MONEY I NEED FOR **AUNT MAY**... OR FROM HELPING **DOC CONNORS** AND HIS FAMILY!

AND, TO TOP IT ALL OFF, THE **LIZARD** IS STILL AT LARGE... CAPABLE OF **ANYTHING**... WHILE I SIT HERE... **HELPLESS!**

WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH ME? WHY DO THINGS **WORK OUT** THIS WAY?

WHEN WILL I COME TO MY SENSES AND STOP **BUCKING FATE**... AND GIVE UP BEING **SPIDER-MAN** FOREVER?!!

DON'T DESPAIR, SPIDEY-FAN!

THERE'S MORE NEXT ISH!

IT'S A BOMB SHELL!



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE